



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee		
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, July 27, 2023	Time:	5:34 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Nicole Ludwig	Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendance

Participating Members: Patrick Harriott; Chair; Dave Allard; Carmen Carriere; Jesse, Gervais, Travis Jobin; Jamie-Lee Keith; Trish Paulson; Pixie Wells

Regrets:
Jesse Gervais; Marlene Swears

Staff:
John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer; Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance

1. Welcome

Patrick Harriott assumed the Chair and welcomed members to the meeting at 5:34 PM.

1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Motion:
MOVED: Trish Paulson
SECONDED: Dave Allard
RESOLVED:
THAT the MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda of Thursday, July 27, 2023 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.2 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion:
MOVED: Pixie Wells
SECONDED: Trish Paulson
RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of Thursday, June 22, 2023 be adopted with the following change: remove Peggy Olanski from "Participating Members".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



2. AGM Governance Consultation Discussion

Mr. Bieker requested feedback from members regarding a governance consultation for Citizens prior to the start of the 2023 AGM. In discussion, members noted:

- A townhall on governance should not necessarily be a bluesky session; some guidelines for Citizen participation would provide more guidance to the Committee to move its work ahead;
- Outreach to Communities and grassroots levels would need to occur before any townhall session and will require adequate advertising beforehand; and,
- As there are requests for townhall sessions on other topics that might be of more immediate importance, those should be prioritized at the AGM.

In response to questions and concerns raised, Mr. Bieker provided the following information:

- Kurtis Boyer from the University of Saskatchewan will be providing an academic and legislative review of MNBC governance; the report is anticipated for the beginning of 2024;
- Townhall sessions would be useful to get the grassroots view from Citizens; and,
- The Legislative agenda for the AGM is quite full and it may be better to focus on that and matters of more immediate importance to the Nation.

Members agreed that a townhall will not be needed at the AGM, but should be planned later on as the Committee works through governance matters.

Mr. Bieker agreed to investigate resourcing, scheduling, and creating draft questions for virtual and in-person townhall sessions on governance matters.

3. Chartered Community Agreement

Note: in the attachment distributed with the agenda, Section 11.4 makes a reference to section 4.7. The correct reference should be to section 4.5, so that Article 11.4 would read:

*11.4 Despite Section 9.2, if a Chartered Community that has received a letter and/or e-mail pursuant to Section **4.5** ~~4.7~~ has not regained or made every effort to regain its status as a non-profit society in good standing, this agreement shall be terminated one year following the date of issuance of the letter.*

Members discussed how to best update the charter agreements between MNBC and Communities, noting:

- Reconfiguring the boundaries of Communities is a somewhat lengthy process;
- Some communities may not want to sign new agreements;
- A robust dispute resolution process needs to be developed; and,
- The Committee would benefit from a longer, in-person session to discuss a way forward, and again after Community outreach and consultation has taken place.

In response to questions and comments, Mr. Bieker provided the following information:

- The process for adjusting Community boundaries is set out in the *Constitution*, and the agreement must reflect that process; and,



- There may be Communities which do not want to sign a new agreement, and it may end up being the case that if they do not, they will not have a relationship with MNBC.

The Committee agreed that developing a conflict resolution model would be a good place to start, particularly since there is an MNGA resolution requesting such a process be created.

A detailed summary of the full discussion is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

4. Adjournment

MOTION:

MOVED: Trish Paulson

SECONDED: Dave Allard

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 24, 2023 - Confirmed

Chairs Schedule:

Meeting	Chair
24-Aug-23	Trish Paulson
14-Sep-23	Marlene Swears
26-Oct-23	Pixie Wells
23-Nov-23	Peggy Olanski

Action Items:

Item	Responsible
Townhall schedule, questions, and resources for Community governance input.	J. Bieker/N. Ludwig
Resourcing for one-day, in-person Committee session.	J. Bieker/N. Ludwig

Appendix A – Summary of Discussion for Item 3.0

Members and staff noted:

- The current process for revising Community boundaries is time-consuming and may become problematic if a Community ceases to exist for one reason or another;
- It is up to the Regional Governance Councils (RGCs) to confirm and alter Community boundaries; an RGC meeting can be called by the Chair, or by a majority of RGC members;
- Communities must be open, fair, and democratic; in some cases a certain group has taken over the Community Board; the rules are being gamed by certain groups in Communities, which results in less fairness for the larger community.
- Some Communities may be reluctant to sign new agreements; Citizens in Communities that do not sign could self-organize or join another Community;
- Clarification on Community Membership is required since different Communities have different requirements in their bylaws for new members;
- Agreements between MNBC and Communities must align with the *Constitution* and other Legislation;
- It may be best to focus on a dispute resolution process first;
- The agreement presented for discussion is based on the latest version, which has not changed much since 2006;
- It may be worthwhile to have the MNGA hold changes to the Chartered Community Agreements since the agreements deal with internal matters;
- Community dissolution is a long process;
- MNBC is developing reporting policies and simplified processes for reporting on the use of funding distributed by MNBC;
- Concerns regarding the meaning of “consultation” in S. 63 of the *Constitution*, and if MNBC has engaged in required consultation.